

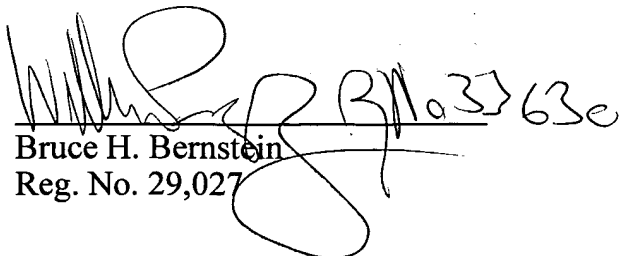
REMARKS

By the present Response, Applicant is submitting a complete copy of the claims for consideration in the present application. In this regard, claims 1-19 have now been indicated as canceled. Further, claims 20-63 have been identified by the designators previously utilized so that the claim listing is as it should have been submitted together with the Request for Continued Examination. Thus, the changes contained therein are identical to the changes made in Applicant's Submission together with the filing of the Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, in view of the submission of a complete copy of the claims, Applicant respectfully requests an action on the merits of the present application based upon the arguments attached to the previously submitted Submission of December 10, 2003.

Applicant believes that no fee is due. However, if any fee is due, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this paper, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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